

a said lid speculum [provides a return path for said first electrode].

a2 3 (ONCE AMENDED) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said first electrode has a tip which has a first step portion that extends from a base portion, said first step portion having a diameter greater [smaller outer dimension] than one-half a diameter of said base portion.

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a3 6. (ONCE AMENDED) The system as recited in claim 3, wherein said first electrode has a second step portion that extends from said first step portion, said second step portion having a diameter greater [smaller outer dimension than one-half of said [outer] dimension of said first step portion].

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19. (ONCE AMENDED) A thermokeratoplastic probe that is coupled to a source of power, comprising:

an electrode coupled to the source of power;

74 a fuse coupled to said electrode, said fuse preventing power from being supplied to said electrode when said fuse is blown [in an open condition]; and,

an electrical circuit that provides a fuse current to blow [opens] said fuse after power is supplied to said electrode.

Please cancel claims 10-18 and 21-24.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-14 and 19-24 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner objected to claim 1 because there was no structural relationship between the lid speculum and the rest of the system. The applicant has amended claim 1 to clearly recite a lid speculum that is coupled to a power source and a cornea so that a current flows from the electrode, through